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How may I most expeditiously get the text
of this short report?

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Nuclear Contamination

To the Editor:

Under the headline "U.N. Panel Warns of the Hazards of Peaceful Uses of Nuclear Power" your correspondent from the U.N. stated (Oct. 4) that, according to the Report to the General Assembly of the Scientific Committee on the Effects of Atomic Radiation, "the peaceful uses of nuclear power have outstripped bomb tests as a threat to world health through radiation."

Since the relevant four paragraphs of this two-page report merely record the committee's decision to consider in detail its future reviews of environmental contamination that from peaceful uses of nuclear energy and radioactive isotopes in addition to that from atmospheric nuclear explosions, it is difficult to read in the text an explicit or implicit warning of the hazard of peaceful uses of nuclear power or even a suggestion that the peaceful uses of nuclear power have outstripped bomb tests as a threat to world health.

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